in the country. Governments cf Serveral States/UTs deluding the Government of Gujarat had requested for extension of the scheme beyond 1-10-1988. However the Central Government deeded not to revive the scheme mainly on account of financial constraints.

Joint Sector Companies

2856. SHR1 YASWANT S1NHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Which are theapproved joint r. ec'cr cc of their respectiye private promc

(b) what are the joint sector companies fromm which the Statu under takings withdrew, leaving the cc mpany entirely for the private sector;

(c) What are the joint sector companies in wh' ch at least one of the private promoters is and MRTP Company and how many of such joint sector companies have been registered under the MRTP Act;

(d) what are the jomt sector companies in which foreign cempa-panies are direct/indirect share holders; and

(e) In how many cases formation of thj jont sector company helped in strength; ning the Market dominance of the private promoter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH) (a) to

(e)

There is no provision under the Companies Act, 1956 relating to the concept of joint sector companies. Also the requisite information relating to these companies are not compiled centrally in the Ministry of Industry. •

Oil Exploration Plans For Andhra Pradesh

2857. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased tt state: (a) Whether there is any pre posal under Governments considera tion to intensify oil exploration ii Andhra Pradesh during the Eightl Plan Period; and

(b) if so, what are the detaiL there of ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY,; (a) and (b) Yes Sir. As per the Draft 8th Plan (1990-95), it is pro-p sed to carry out 7, 400 line Kilo meters cf 2D seismic surveys and 360 Sq. Kms. of 3D Seismic surveys by departmental parties. In addition, contract seismic surveys for about 2, 000 line Kilometres are also planed. Explcratcry drilling is expected to be of the order of 300, 000 metres and about 90 wills are expected to during the VIII Plan.

अरोड़ा बंधुओं द्वारा कारों हेतु पेट्रोल के स्थान पर एल० पी० जी० के प्रयोग के संबंध में क्रांतिकारी खोज

2858. **श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटिल** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि खान मार्केट, नई दिल्ली के अरोड़ा बन्धुओं ने ऐसी तकनीक की खोज की है जिस के द्वारा मोटर कारों में पेट्रोल के स्थान पर रसोई गैस का इस्तेमाल किया जा सकेगा, जैसाकि दिल्ली से प्रकाशित 17 अगस्त, 1990 के "सान्ध्य टाइम्स" में समाचार छपा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार अरोड़ा बन्धुओं की इस क्रान्तिकारी खोज को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिये क्या कदम उठा रही है तथा क्या वह भविष्य में पेट्रोल की बजाय रसोई गैस से चलने